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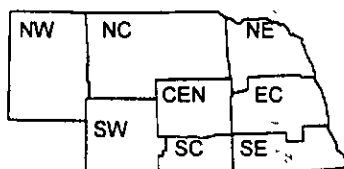
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Temperatures for the week were well below normals across the State averaging from six to ten degrees below normals. Precipitation was received over much of the State with averages in the west ranging from a fourth of an inch to six-tenths of an inch, while averages over the remainder of the State ranged from two to three inches.

GENERAL

Fall harvest and tillage operations were slowed or halted the later part of last week due to winter-like weather conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. By the later part of last week, freezing rain and snow across the State had affected most producers with unfinished fieldwork. Other fieldwork activities included applying fertilizer, fencing stalks, and working cattle.

CROPS (Cont.)

Corn grain harvest was 93% complete, slightly behind 94% last year and ahead of 87% average. Harvest activities were most advanced in south central counties with 98% combined as of Sunday.

Sorghum grain harvest was 88% complete, behind 100% last year and the average of 96%. Producers in the southeast counties had the largest number of fields remaining to be harvested. Heavy rains on Saturday will further delay harvest completion.

Winter wheat condition rated 3% poor, 28% fair, 63% good, and 6% excellent. Rain and snow received last week should benefit the crop prior to entering dormancy.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Producer activities included weaning calves and moving cows to stalks for gleaning. Some calves were being moved to feedlots.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 1996	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	96	90	94	89	95	90	98	87	93	86	94	87
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	93	99	97	92	89	95	83	88	80	100	96
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 1996												
Days suitable	6.6	4.1	3.9	5.6	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	6.6	5.9	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
(Percent) - Short	21	14	9	51	29	31	18	2	22	26	18	
- Adequate	79	86	73	49	64	68	82	98	74	69	81	
- Surplus	0	0	18	0	7	1	0	0	4	2	1	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
(Percent) - Short	16	6	12	48	39	7	8	8	19	17	28	
- Adequate	84	94	71	50	60	91	92	92	78	80	70	
- Surplus	0	0	17	1	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	

n/a = not available.

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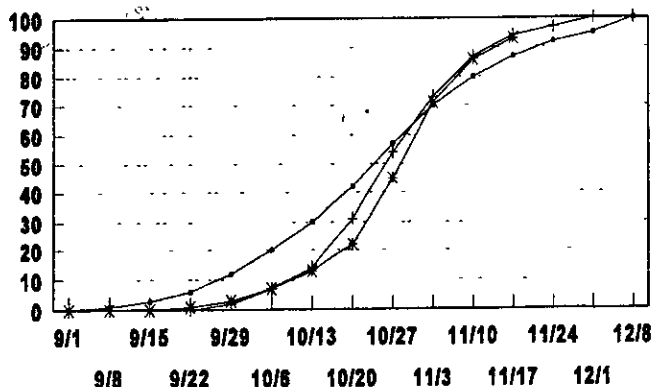
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CORN

HARVESTED FOR GRAIN

% HARVESTED



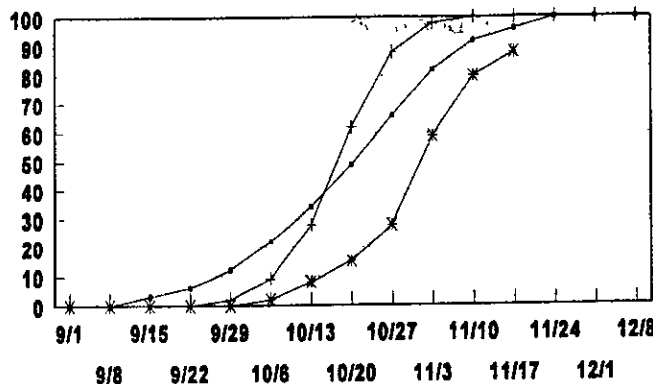
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PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SORGHUM

HARVESTED FOR GRAIN

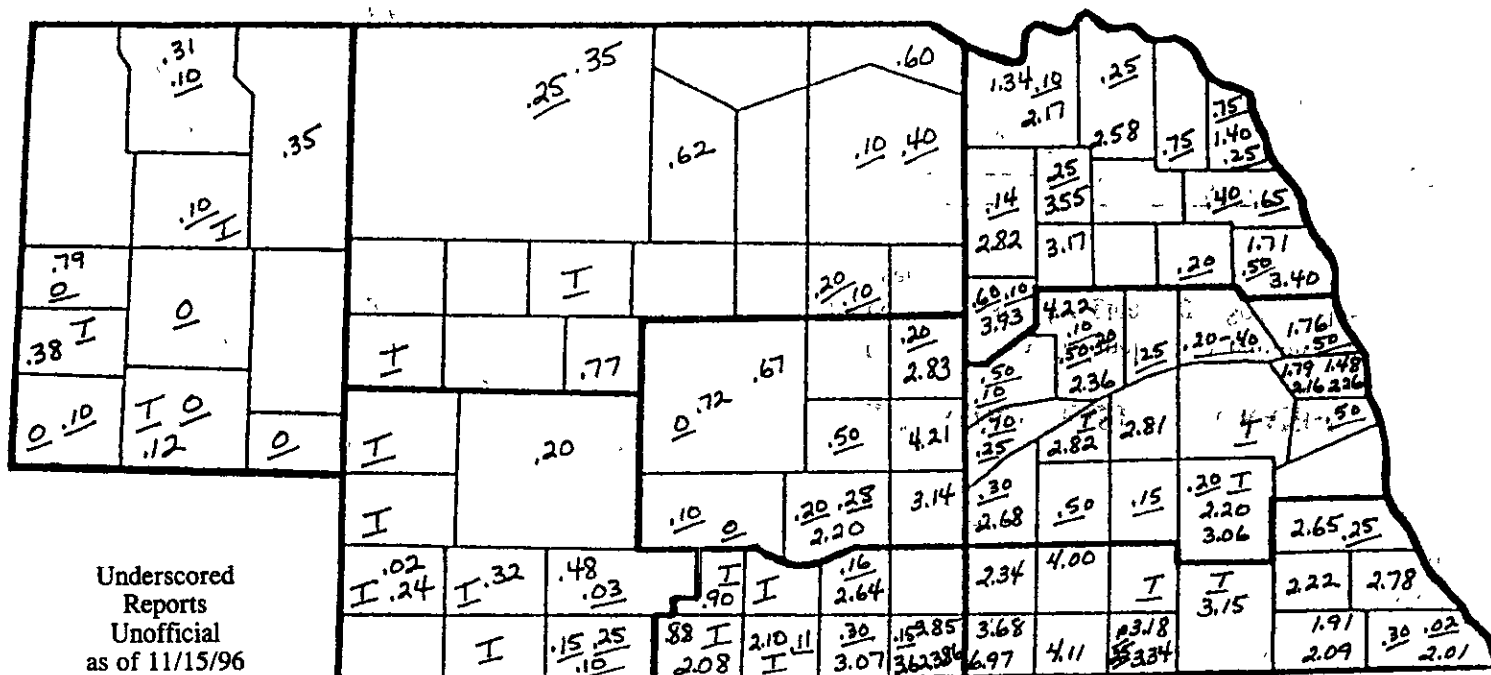
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1996



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1996

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	45	12	27	---	.31
Scottsbluff	63	5	29	-8	.79
Sidney	62	7	28	---	.12
NC Valentine	38	13	24	-6	.35
NE Norfolk	52	20	27	-10	.48
Sioux City	52	20	28	-10	1.40
CEN Grand Island	57	19	30	-9	3.14
Ord	35	7	26	---	---
EC Lincoln	55	24	31	-9	2.20
Omaha	58	23	32	-8	1.48
SW Imperial	55	4	28	---	.02
North Platte	48	15	29	-7	.20